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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/724,685

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS
FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY AND
DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS

Examiner: Swartz

Art Unit: 1645

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed August 14, 2003 and the Restriction Requirement mailed May 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition to extend the time for response for one month, from September 14, 2003 to October 14 2003, is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.